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SUBJECT: VESENIK (Messenger), Anti-Communist
Russian Language Newspaper published
in Salzburg, Gaisbergstr. 9

RE : Investigation

1. Pursuant to instructions from the Chief, CIC, Land Salzburg Sub-Detachment, an investigation was conducted to determine the present owner, publisher and editor of the VESENIK, a local Russian language publication. Reference is made to Disposition Form, ODDI (OSG), Hq USFA, dated 23 January 1950, Subject: "Soviet Complaint", with attached letter (Annex "A") from the Soviet Repatriation Mission to Colonel Schmitt, of the Austrian Ministry, and attached articles (Annex "B") published in the VESENIK, forwarded to this Sub-Detachment via Minute 2 from Hq 430th CIC (Operations), dated 21 January 1950.

2. Investigation by members of the "Huntington" project not regarding the history, ownership and editor of Subject newspaper disclosed the following information:

a. The predecessor of the VESENIK was the Information Bulletin, first published on 21 June 1945 in the English School, Salzburg, as an anti-Communist Russian language daily newspaper. The editorial staff consisted of five persons including one IKLENSKY Pavel E., the founder and chief editor. IKLENSKY was a White Russian emigrant from Yugoslavia who has since emigrated to the US. Initially the Information Bulletin consisted of four pages, sold for 20 Pfennig per copy, and had a circulation of approximately 150 copies daily. The main purpose of the Information Bulletin was to give the Russian refugees, who in most cases did not understand German, objective information about current political events. In July 1945 the publication facilities of the Information Bulletin were transferred to HP Camp Parsch, Salzburg, where they remained until early

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March 1949, when publication of the paper was discontinued by order of US authorities as a result of Soviet intervention. During the early part of March 1946, when MYSHENKOV Nicolaus became the technical editor of Information Bulletin, the paper was expanded to six pages, and the price was raised to 60 Groschen per copy. In the autumn of 1946 the paper was again expanded to its current size, eight pages. The circulation in 1947-1948 reached 5000 copies. When the Information Bulletin was discontinued in early March 1949, the circulation had dropped to approximately 750 copies. During 1948 the publishing facilities of the Information Bulletin were also utilized in printing numerous Russian language scripts, bulletins, school books, etc.

b. In early March 1949 publication of the Information Bulletin was discontinued, as stated above, and the newspaper was reorganized as an Austrian-sponsored publication under the name VESTNIK. The first issue of VESTNIK was published on 17 March 1949 as an Austrian licensed newspaper with offices at Auenbergstrasse 15, Salzburg. The first "responsible editor" of VESTNIK was Dr. Herbert A. KRAUS, current leader of the VDU. (Agent's Note: It is known that Dr. KRAUS acted as a front for the publication, just as WUBER does now. Technically VESTNIK is an Austrian publication and complies with Austrian press laws.) KRAUS soon requested to be relieved of newspaper editorial responsibilities, and a new responsible editor was selected, Dr. Hans Koller, an Austrian national residing on Sinzergasse 55, Salzburg. Koller, a graduate of a commercial school in Gmünd, Austria, is currently a music student at the Conservatory, Salzburg. He is approximately 27 years of age and does not speak Russian. On 15 August 1949 the printing facilities of the VESTNIK were transferred to Gaisbergstrasse 3, Salzburg, the current headquarters. The editorial staff of this paper consists of approximately four persons, and circulation has been reduced to approximately 100 copies per day. The chief technical editor is MYSHENKOV Nicolaus, mentioned above. The VESTNIK does not publish any editorial articles but compiles current news articles from the following sources:

Re Sources

APRIL 1949 (4) - Deutscher Nachrichten-
dienst, an the German Press, European Edition.
The Frankfurt German Science Editor, Frankfurt Germany.

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Austrian Section

Editorial: Nachrichten, Salzburger Volkszeitung
Techniques: Elmer Kieny for Friedrich Kieny
and C. Kieny.

French Section

Le Monde: Paris Daily French Newspaper

Russian (Non-Soviet) Anti-Communist Section

Pravda, Daily (in French Report); Communist (Soviet)
Pravda, Pravda in Paris (French News)

4. The newspaper Pravda is currently sold in most
Austrian and all Western parts of Austria. The paper is
the property of a group of anti-communists, with
approximately thirty Russian editors closely associated with
this office.

It is reference to the items which were published in the
Pravda on 11 October 1949 which were ground for the Soviet.
most recent complaint, it is stated that any person or any group
of persons is authorized to purchase space in subject newspaper
and publish an announcement, letter, or other statement, without
policy limits prescribed by the publisher and editors. In
reference to the letter from the Soviet Repatriation Mission to
Colonel Schmidt, it is stated that although KENNEY was the
technical editor of the paper until his departure for the US on
27 October 1949, KENNEY, as stated in a previous paragraph, is
currently the chief and responsible editor in compliance with
current Austrian press laws.

4. The files of this Sub-Detachment contain the following
additional pertinent information:

a. Numerous references to KENNEY Herbert Dr., leader of
the VDU, and KENNEY Pavel Vasiliyevich, Colonel, Chief of the
Soviet Repatriation Mission, Salzburg.

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b. HELENSKY Pavel is listed on SOL, SIC, Land Salzburg Sub-Detachment (Ref. No. S-1324), dated 3 March 1948, Subject: "Hunger Strike and Day of Mourning at White Russian Assembly Center, Parash, Salzburg", as editor of Information Bulletin and co-signer of a telegram forwarded to President Truman, protesting that PO/IRG promises were not being fulfilled.

c. The files contain no additional pertinent information concerning other personalities mentioned in this report.

AGENT'S NOTES:

a. Attention is invited to the fact that Russian refugees in DP Camp Parash and Western zones of Austria have available the objective newspaper VESTNIK, published and distributed by anti-Communist Russian DPs, as well as pro-Communist Russian language newspapers such as TRAVN, KYREKHA, TROR, and others distributed free of charge by representatives of the Soviet Mission, Salzburg. As is generally known, the latter papers contain distorted news reports and vile cartoons depicting prominent US government officials as Indians, if not wicked, personalities, thereby contributing in no small measure to bring about strained relations between the US-Soviet governments than VESTNIK has accomplished during its entire period of existence.

b. Further attention is invited to the fact that VESTNIK is currently published in accordance with prevailing Austrian laws, with HUBER as the responsible chief editor and MYSHENKOW the technical associate editor. The fact that HELENSKY was, MYSHENKOW is, and other Russian DPs will be affiliated with the editorial staff of VESTNIK is not considered to be a matter of concern to KIRREY, chief of the Soviet Mission, Salzburg. It is further pointed out that suspension of VESTNIK, an Austrian publication, cannot legally be accomplished solely by US authorities, but is a matter falling within the province of AOC jurisdiction. If publication of VESTNIK is to be discontinued because the editors, quote Colonel KIRREY, "violate the harmonious agreements between our governments", it is recommended that the AOC consider discontinuance of the SALZBURGER TAGBLATT, local EPOs publication, and other pro-Communist publications as well.

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6. After perusing the anti-Communism literature distributed in 1961 in connection with the report on the activities of the United States Information Agency, the undersigned Agent was specifically made to ascertain a valid basis for the Division's and parent organization's continuing the activities of THURGOOD, which is considered a subversive organization. Consequently, the undersigned Agent is unable to offer an explanation as to how important articles published in THURGOOD on 11 October 1961 or any other date should be disseminated abroad for Soviet consumption. The Department's policy is to disseminate material published in THURGOOD and THURGOOD to the Soviet Union and other countries in order to inform them of the activities of the United States Information Agency and to inform them of the activities of the United States Information Agency.

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